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The first of two GMH community centers opened Dec. 15 in the New Gannam housing area, located on Hunter Army Airfield. The 6,200 sq. ft. center is open to housing residents 7:30 a.m. — 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. — 7 p.m., weekends. The new Center contains a waiting area with video games; a business center with copy, scan and print capabilities; an Internet cafe, a commercial grade workout room; meeting rooms, and a kitchen. A water spray park and basketball court behind the facility are being built. The Center also houses offices, several belonging to Coastal Communications staff. Residents are invited to check out the state-of-the-art facility.

GMH office relocates to better serve residents

Dianne Borges
GMH Military Housing

Gone are the days when residents had to stand while waiting to discuss family housing. “We are seeing 50 to 150 people in any given day,” said Ellie Delaney, GMH community manager at Fort Stewart. “Our old leasing office on Bultman Avenue

was a tight squeeze.” Now located in the new Community Center in Liberty Woods, the GMH leasing office has plenty of space and seating. There is plenty of reading material and the television is always on. Vending machines are on the premises for those who get the munchies. “Discussing housing can be nerve-racking,” added Delaney, “we want residents to feel at ease and comfortable.”

The new office is located at 50 Austin Road. Office hours remain Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. and the phone number is (912) 408-2460. Driving directions are easy. Enter the main gate and follow Hero Road, passing the PX and Commissary. Continue straight to the stop sign, at the Britton Elementary School, and turn left onto Austin Road. The GMH office is the first building on the left in the Liberty Woods community.

Housing availability decreases as Soldiers, families return

Dianne Borges
GMH Military Housing

While there was plenty of family housing available just a few months ago, GMH has been steadily leasing up at both Fort Stewart and Hunter AAF. “We have seen an increase in traffic since the beginning of August and it continues to grow,” said Ellie Delaney, GMH community manager at Fort Stewart. “Families are returning to the area due to the redeployment of the Division and our phones are constantly ringing,” she explained. Leasing at both installations has increased by at least 10% in the last three months. “We are now pre-leasing about 50-60 homes a week at Stewart,” Delaney said. “We recommend those who wish to live on Post in family housing contact us as soon as possible since the availability is decreasing,” she added. At the current time, there are two, three, and four-bedroom Junior Enlisted homes; three and four-bedroom Senior NCO homes available to lease at Stewart. Commissioned officer housing is extremely tight. At Hunter, there are two and three-bedroom Junior Enlisted homes and brand new three and four-bedroom Company Grade homes ready to lease. “By mid-January, we expect to be at least 92 percent leased,” Tracy Forman, GMH community manager at Hunter AAF, stated. “Again, we urge Soldiers and their families not to wait. If they act now, they have the opportunity to move into a brand new home. And who doesn’t want to move into a new home; it’s every family’s dream,” she added. GMH is currently adding 60 brand new homes a month at Stewart and 10 at Hunter and they are going fast,” Forman said. There are plenty of reasons to live on post and plenty of advantages. The Post is where you want to live; there you’ll find the Commissary, PX, post office, DOD



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This is an example of the new homes being built on Fort Stewart and at Hunter Army Airfield. Approximately 60 new units are being built each month at Stewart and 10 at Hunter — a space increase of 10 percent in the last three months.

schools, churches, gyms and theatre are all in one central area. “There is no heavy traffic to fight as there is outside the gate,” Delaney said. “Soldiers can also stop home after PT and at lunch. All of these benefits mean more time can be spent with the kids and spouses.” Forman added, “by living on Post, it also gives you the quality of life and community support you may not experience anywhere else.” On Post, there are no application fees, security

deposits or pet deposits in family housing. Utility payments are included in the BAH. There are no checks to write and mail every month. This means residents can save time and money. “We offer free planned community events, activities and programs for residents, young and old alike,” Forman said. “Whether it’s holiday parties, coloring contests, breakfast-on-the-go, field days or special deliveries, residents have opportunities to gather, meet new friends, enjoy a

quick bite, learn new things and even win prizes. Soldiers interested in finding out more about family housing at either installation can do so online at Web site www.southernliving-choice.com; by visiting the GMH Leasing Offices; 50 Austin Road at Fort Stewart and 1 Gannam Avenue at Hunter AAF or calling (912) 408-2460 for Fort Stewart and (912) 459-2133 for Hunter Army Airfield.

DPW: don't grease the pipes

DPW Environmental Branch

Grease, oil, and fat clog pipes and sewer lines just as they block our arteries.

As with arteries, blocked sewer lines can cause serious problems. Such blockage will eventually cause sewer overflows that can result in health hazards, damage to home interiors, and possibly adverse impacts to our environment.

"Grease-clogged pipes have become an increasingly common cause of sewer spills on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Lower flows and cooler weather has made the problem worse," states Tressa Rutland, DPW Environmental Branch.

Flushing grease down the drain can be disastrous. Clogged lines can cause raw sewage to overflow into your home or your neighbor's home, parks, yards, streets, ditches, streams, and other waterways. Additionally, they increase operation and maintenance costs for local sewer departments and spill response teams.

The grease found in plumbing systems typically originates as a cooking by-product that has been washed down the kitchen sink. Meat fats, lard, cooking oil, shorten-

Help prevent sewage spills

Some sewage spills can be prevented if grease, fats, and oils are kept out of the sewer system in the first place. You can do the following to help prevent future problems:

- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets, and do not put grease down garbage disposals. Remember, disposals are not the solution.
- Scrape grease and food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, and grills and cooking surfaces into the trash or a container for disposal.
- Absorb excess grease from cooked meat, blotting directly with paper towels or straining into a separate disposable container.
- Inform your friends and neighbors about the problem of grease in the sewer system and how you can work together to minimize potential health risks and environmental impacts.

Source: "Fat-Free Sewers: How to Prevent Fats, Oils, and Greases from Damaging Your Home and the Environment."

ing, butter/margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces, and dairy products all contain grease and add to the problem when they are washed down the drain. The grease sticks to the inside of the sewer pipes and will build up and block the lines over time. Use of home garbage disposal units, which only shreds the solid material into smaller pieces, does not prevent grease from going down the drain and does not keep grease out of the plumbing system.

According to Rutland, a common mistake is to flush grease down the sink with hot water. This will only push the grease farther down the

lines where it will later re-solidify and clog lines. Commercial additives and chemicals, including soaps and detergents, that claim to dissolve grease may actually just push grease farther down the pipes where it can cause problems both on your property and in the streets.

The Directorate of Public Works solicits your help. It is important that everyone here at Fort Stewart and Hunter helps to prevent future occurrences of sewage spills, which will protect you, your property, and our environment. If you have any questions, please contact the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Branch at 767-2010.

Give Nature a Gift this Holiday Season

In conjunction with the Keep America Beautiful, "Bring One for the Chipper", The Keep Fort Stewart/HAAF Beautiful program is asking residents to drop off their old Christmas trees, (minus lights, ornaments, icicles, etc.) at the Georgia Power Substation located on Hero Road up from the sewage plant and across from the ball field. HAAF residents can drop their trees off at the site adjacent to Pond #29 (Oglethorpe Lake) near the Army ROTC Building on McArthur Street. Signs will be posted at each location.

Your tress will be used by the DPW Fish & Wildlife Branch to create fish attractors in our ponds and lakes and to establish brush piles as habitat for quail and rabbit. For more information, please call 767-5477.



(Left to Right) 1st Sgt. Henry L. Knox, JR.; Spc. Daniel Tohill, Capt. Santiago J. Otero, D Battery Commander receive a check for D Batt., 1/39.



Members of A Company, 224 Military Intelligence are presented with a check by Mr. Paul Andreshak (center), deputy garrison commander. Receiving the check was (left to right) CW3 Tachaya Flen, BN ECO, 1st Sgt. Theresa Dailey-Johnson; 1st Lt. John Rousseau, executive officer, A Co.; Maj. Kurt Brannstrom, executive officer, BN, Warrant Officer Guillermo Carrillo, incoming BN ECO.

Stewart, Hunter units earn DPW quarterly recycle award

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DPW Public Affairs

The Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division held its fourth Quarter Environmental Quality Control Control Meeting on Dec. 13 in the Command Conference Room. In addition to environmental project updates, the DPW Waste Management Section used the meeting to recognize and award two units from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield for their outstanding recycling efforts during the quarter. The recipient of the HAAF 4th Quarter Recycling Incentive Award was A Company, 224th Military Intelligence Battalion. The recipient for Fort Stewart was D Battery,

1st Battalion 39th Field Artillery (MLRS).

This award is the second consecutive presentation made to a company within the 224th Military Intelligence Battalion for their recycling efforts.

The 224th Military Intelligence Battalion has set the standard for excellence in waste reduction and recycling for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield and is doing an outstanding job with their recycling program. In realizing the importance of recycling to the installation and the environment, the Battalion Commander, Lt Col. Sanborn decided that they needed to develop a more active approach to educate the Soldiers of the unit about the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield recycling program and specifically what items are recycled on the installations.

Their dedication to the recycling program was clearly evident when the environmental control officers Chief Warrant officer Flen and Warrant Officer Carrillo were tasked to create an internal award, aptly named "Recycling company of the month" award. This award along with an incentive program recognizes the winning company who exemplifies excellence in recycling through not only quantity collected but also outreach and recruitment for further participation in the recycling program. The companies are inspected monthly and the winners are determined by rules developed by the unit.

This small action by the 224th MI Bn. has made a tremendous impact on the success of the recycling program for the unit and the Installations and has resulted in a tremendously deserving reward for the companies within the battalion. Soldiers living off-post are now bringing in their recyclables from home in support of the recycling program.

One of the most important aspects of the internal recycling award created by the 224 MI Bn. is that all soldiers within the battalion are now aware of the recycling program and what items are recycled on the installations, proving the old adage - knowledge is power. So, on behalf of DPW's Waste Management Section, we salute these soldiers for not only protecting our home front, but for also conserving and protecting our natural environment.



The 224th MI Bn was recognized with checks and a keepsake for their efforts in support of Fort Stewart's environmental program.

Pet of the Week



This dog is one of many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter.

The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, breeds and personalities in their care.

If you are interested in adopting an animal, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.

AAFES PRESENTS

DECEMBER 22 TO DECEMBER 29

Editor's note: While Woodruff Theater is being renovated, movies are shown at the Fort Stewart Education Center, located in Bldg. 100, on Memorial Dr. Until the theater reopens, children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult for all films (regardless of rating) and admission is free to all ID card holders and their guests, courtesy of AAFES.

Wedding Crashers
Dec. 22 — 7 p.m.
Vaughn and Wilson star as a pair of divorce mediators who spend their weekends crashing weddings in a search for Ms. Right ... for a night.

But when one of them falls for the engaged daughter of an influential and eccentric politician at the social event of the year, they get roped into spending a weekend at the family's palatial waterfront estate and quickly find themselves in over their heads.

R - sexual content/nudity and language - 119 min.

The Great Raid
Dec. 23 — 7 p.m.
Taking place during World War II, 500 prisoners of war have been entrapped in a camp for three years. Beginning to give up hope they will ever be rescued, a group of Rangers goes on a dangerous mission to try and save them.

R - strong war violence and brief language - 132 min.

The Man
Dec. 28, 29 — 7 p.m.
A case of mistaken identity forces Federal agent Derrick Vann and dental supply salesman Andy Fidler to team up as they speed through the streets of Detroit to pull off a sting operation and solve the murder of Vann's former partner.

PG-13 - language, rude dialogue and some violence - 84 min.



Films are subject to availability. Showtimes and titles may change at any time. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule, but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

Civilian employee fitness training program begins

Frontline Staff

Many studies have concluded that employees who engage in good health practices and a regular fitness program have a higher energy level, lower health care expenditures, better quality of life with less stress, and improved health. The positive results for the employer are decreased absenteeism and employee turnover, improved morale, attitudes and higher productivity.

To provide a comprehensive "organized" fitness program for civilian employees encompassing health, well-being, and physical fitness.

The fitness program will consist of classroom training in the areas of proper walking/jogging shoe selection, benefits of participating in a fitness program on a regular basis, nutrition/weight loss, and smoking cessation. Additional classes will be scheduled according to group interest and instructor availability. During this comprehensive three-month program, participants will engage in organized physical fitness activities, such as walking, jogging, aerobics, swimming, and strength training, three times per week for up to 60 minutes. Class size is limited to 60 participants.

All installation civilian employees interested in learning how to develop and maintain good health and physical fitness.

Each Directorate within the Installation will have the opportunity to enroll interested participants in the Civilian Fitness Program based on "slots" allocations. All selected individuals must fulfill the following requirements to obtain one of the 60 available slots for the fitness program:

1. Complete the Memorandum of Understanding for Civilian Employee Participation.
2. Complete the Medical Consideration Health History Form.
3. Ensure supervisor completes the Memorandum of Understanding for Subordinate Civilian Employee Participation.
4. Obtain a physician's health release form or similar statement from a physician that approves the civilian employee's participation in an aerobic physical fitness activity.
5. It is the participant's responsibility to ensure that the forms listed above are completed and given to Jake Battle located in the Jordan Fitness Center.
6. Interested individuals will be given an available slot after ALL forms are received. All slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Pick up enrollment packets at any of the three Fitness Centers all through December. Attend the Fitness Assessment Class on Jan. 9, from 2 – 4 p.m., in the Jordan Fitness Center, Bldg. 439, and attend all scheduled classroom and work-out sessions at the Jordan Fitness Center from 3 – 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday for a three month period.

Each Directorate will be authorized a pre-established number of slots and will be responsible for selecting the individuals to fill those slots. Designated slots that are not used by any directorate will be reallocated among the waiting candidates on a first come first served basis to ensure that the 60 slots are filled.

The program runs 3 – 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 9 through April 6 at Jordan Fitness Center. Three-month participation is required and classes are limited to one three month session per person per stay on the installation. There is no cost to attend the program.



Courtesy photo

Running is one exercise in the program.



Sgt. Lena Satele

The 116th Army Reserve Band performs at the Fort Stewart PX Sunday for Toys-for-Tots.

Band performs for Toys-for-Tots

Gail Aldridge

Fort Stewart Public Affairs

The 116th Army Reserve Band performed a holiday concert for shoppers at the Fort Stewart Main exchange on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m in relation to the Toys-for-Tots Christmas toy drive.

The band also performed for the Fort Stewart Youth Challenge Academy Graduation on Saturday in Macon before traveling to Fort Stewart.

This year's concert brought a smile to all who entered the PX. From a snappy rendition of "Sleigh Ride" and a Calypso Christmas medley to "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas" the band music was enjoyed by all. This band has participated in several events on Fort Stewart and in the Hinesville area during the deployment of the 3rd Infantry Division Band.

We appreciate the strong bond and relationship with this North Georgia band group.

Soldiers support Long County parade

Gail Aldridge

Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Lt. Col Timothy R. Thomas, deputy commander, Rear Detachment, joined the Long County Chamber of Commerce for lunch in Ludowici Saturday and rode in their annual Christmas Parade.

Even though rain was forecasted for most of the day, the parade was held and the 3rd Infantry Division Color Guard marched with the flag leading the procession.

"I really enjoyed meeting so many of the friendly folks in Long County," Thomas commented. "They rolled out the red carpet for us and are planning on attending and supporting our 'Welcome Home' event when the 3rd ID Soldiers redeploy in early 2006. I count it a privilege to do my part to strengthen the bond between Fort Stewart and the surrounding civilian communities."

The rain did not dampen the Christmas Spirit. It was strong and Jolly old Saint Nick was present to bring a smile to the children.

Approximatley 535 military personnel from Fort Stewart reside in Long County. This small community has a big heart for our Soldiers.

"We love our Soldiers," Betty Smiley, president of the Long County Chamber of Commerce said. "Many of them are close neighbors even out in the rural areas of the county. Many are active members of our churches, their children are taught in our schools and we have a close binding friendship with them and with their families when they deploy in defense of our country. They are always in our thoughts and more importantly our prayers. I'm excited about their return next month and will be there to welcome them home. I'm already planning what to cook when I get the chance to give them a home cooked meal."

Commissary offers everything needed for holiday dining

"The Great Family Holiday Sale" throughout December provides unbeatable savings along with the ease of one-stop shopping for your special holiday meals and family get-togethers.

C. Lloyd Johnson Company's 13th annual "Holiday Scholarship" sale continues, supported with an in-store coupon and recipe flyer. Patrons in all stores have the opportunity to win a holiday decoration. Kellogg's celebrates its 100th Anniversary by offering a classic edition cereal bowl with the purchase of two Kellogg's cereals.

As always, look for this month's amazing prices on "power buys," including juices, cereal, nuts, crackers, cheese spread, family-size brownie mix and food storage bags. Many other items are fea-

tured with extra savings, just in time for holiday cooking, baking and entertaining.

Special meat orders and cuts are no problem. Treasured get-togethers with family and friends call for something special from the meat department. Lucky for you, you have a local "butcher shop" service free of charge. Whether you want a crown roast or just a large ham cut in half, you can have it cut to your exacting specifications. If your commissary is so small that your selection is limited, ask what special orders are possible.

Meat remains the commissary's best value storewide. At far above the average 30 percent or more you save, the meat will be fresh, perfectly trimmed with no excess fat or bone, with quality

sure to delight both you and your fellow diners. Even if you're buying a frozen turkey or Cornish hens, you might have to look twice at the price to believe your eyes.

Virtual Commissary makes it easy to be thoughtful, whether you're remembering friends and family, military members overseas or even yourself. Go to www.commissaries.com and click on "Virtual Commissary 24/7" to see the attractive gift baskets ready to ship with a click of the mouse.

As you might guess, this is only the beginning of exciting things to come in Internet grocery shopping at your commissary — enjoy!

"You belong to best "club" of all. Many grocery

stores offer "savings cards" customers show at checkout to save on that week's specials. Don't you wish commissaries had a savings card?

Well, they do! Your passport to savings is your ID card. You save a bundle on your overall grocery bill, not just on "loss leaders" advertised to lure you into a store.

Commissaries sell at cost, saving you an average of 30 percent or more over civilian grocery stores — even more on meat and produce. The 5 percent surcharge is not a profit or a tax. It pays for renovations and building new stores.

A family of four shopping consistently at their commissary saves more than \$2,700 annually, and single shoppers save nearly \$1,000.

Bank of America Military Bank supports 3rd Infantry Division



Courtesy photos

Cyndi Lozano puts the final touches on a Platoon Support Kit donated by Bank of America Military Bank. The kits include spotlights, snacks and toiletries.

Kirk Frady

Bank of America

SAN ANTONIO, TX – Bank of America Military Bank recently made a donation of 200 "Platoon Support Kits" for deployed members of the 3rd Infantry Division in Iraq. The presentation was made at its banking center in Hinesville, Georgia.

Attendees included Soldiers of the Fort Stewart Installation and 3rd ID Rear Detachment, representatives from the Hinesville business community and local chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army as well as executives from Bank of America Military Bank. Several bank officials have special ties to the 3rd ID either through their own military service or family members currently deployed with the unit.

Former Infantry Officer and Bank of America Military Bank President, Scott Mullen, commented, "We are honored to support our troops because they are the ones who are making personal sacrifices for us on a daily basis."

Dawn Bannwolf, Customer Advocate for the Military Bank, added, "We can't thank these Soldiers enough and are honored to send them a little something from home to lift their spirits."

Immediately following the ceremony, the 200 kits were loaded onto trucks and transferred to Hunter Army Airfield near Savannah where they were palletized and transported via military airlift to the 3rd ID Soldiers in Iraq. Each "kit" supports approximately 25-30 soldiers and contain spotlights and basic comfort items such as snacks, toiletries, as well as notes of encouragement from Bank associates, families and customers from across the nation.

Upon their recent arrival in Iraq, the kits were distributed among the various units in the division. The troops were excited to receive the packages and their comments reflected their appreciation. Said Sergeant First Class Jack Ellis of D Co., 1-184th Infantry, "It is

great to know that people back home still remember us over here and care enough about us to send a package full of goodies."

Specialist Thaddeus G. Moore of HHC, 1-184th Infantry, said, "To those on the tip of the spear of our nation's defense, it means so much to hear thank you."

Lt. Col. Robert Whetstone, the 3rd ID Public Affairs Officer, commented, "I want to personally thank you for your thoughtfulness concerning Soldiers that are deployed. No one really knows how much it is appreciated when folks like you take time to show Soldiers they are remembered and cared for."

The idea to send the Platoon Support Kits to the Soldiers in Iraq was originally conceived by Tom Murach, a bank associate whose son, Capt. Paul Murach is currently serving with the 3rd Infantry Division in Iraq. Tom and his son had several conversations earlier this year, during which Murach mentioned to his Dad the type of items that Soldiers really missed from home. The discussions between father and son and Bank of America Military Bank teammates ultimately evolved into the creation of the Platoon Support Kits.

The 3rd ID has been involved in every major conflict since World War I, and its units have been deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and other Middle Eastern countries in support of the war on terror.

Bank of America Military Bank is proud to support the United States Armed Forces and the men and women that serve in uniform. Nationwide, Bank of America provides specialized financial services for military personnel through more than 250 banking centers, including 34 dedicated Military Bank locations. The overseas division of the Military Bank internationally manages approximately 100 banking centers and more than 250 ATMs in 11 foreign countries through a contract with the Department of Defense.

Message reminds us Christ is reason for Christmas

Chap. (Capt.) Mark Levine
1/39 FA Chaplain

At Vale Chapel last Sunday, we had the opportunity to hear the Christmas message in a new and interesting way. Through the reading of nine different scripture passages from Genesis to John, we learned afresh that all the Bible speaks of the Incarnation of Christ. In between the readings, we also sang carols that highlighted the main theme of the passage read. It was a delightful service of worship!

Christmas is the celebration of the miracle of the Incarnation of the second Person of the Godhead in the Man Jesus Christ of Nazareth. And this miracle is not only prophesied of in all the Scriptures, but is essential to our salvation.

The Christmas message is about God's love for sinful people like us. That love constrained Him to send a Savior who is no one less than God Himself come in the flesh. This miracle was first promised

in Genesis chapter three, right after our first parents, Adam and Eve, had fallen from grace in their rebellion against God.

The prophecies of Christ's coming become more and more specific as the centuries go on. Isaiah foretells of the birth of the God-Man in chapters 7 and 9 by saying that while a child will be born to us, one of His names shall be called "Mighty God."

The prophets Isaiah and Micah wrote at about the same time. Micah's prophecy concerning the Messiah foretells His coming from the town of Bethlehem. This was important because God's promise to David over 250 years earlier was that the Messiah would be a descendent of David him-

self. David was from the town of Bethlehem. Of course the best known Bible passages about Christ's birth come from the Gospels themselves. Luke chapters one and two speak of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she was to bear the Christ. Matthew's gospel focuses on the fulfillment of the prophesy in *Isaiah 7:14* that a virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son, who shall be called "Immanuel," which means "God with us."

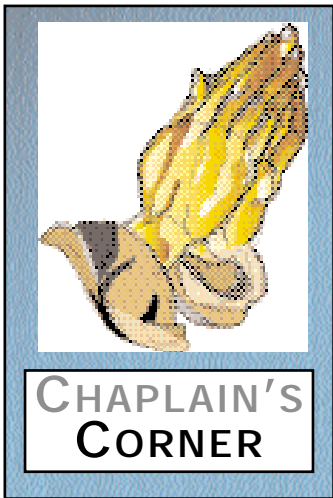
Rather than relate the story itself as Matthew and Luke do, the Gospel of John deals theologically with the Christmas Incarnation. The Christmas miracle is summarized in chapter one, verse fourteen: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory


as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

May these Scriptures help motivate you to a deeper appreciation of the faithfulness of God this Christmas season. God is love and He is faithful to His promises; even if it takes Him four thousand years to fulfill them!

Shakespeare said that "mercy is unconstrained." And if it is unconstrained in man, certainly it is unconstrained in God. Yet having decided to love His people, He then spared no expense to provide an all-sufficient salvation through an all-sufficient Savior. His love constrained Him to save His people from the power, presence, and eternal consequences of sin. He did that by sending His Son in our human nature so that He might pay the price of our sinful rebellion against God in His body and soul. He was raised again from the dead so that we might believe on Him and have abundant life.

May the message of God's love and mercy this Christmas be a blessing to us all this year.





Deal with grief during the holidays

Are you having a blue Christmas? Join the chaplaincy for 90 minutes of sharing ways to handle grief for adults and children during the holidays. The classes are 9 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month and 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at Victory Chapel, Bldg. 2125, located across from Popeyes. For more information contact Chap. (Maj.) Milton Johnson, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield family life chaplain at 767-7028.

Worship Schedule		
Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	5 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Protestant Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday PWOC	Vale	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study	Victory	Noon
Sunday School	Diamond Elementary	9:30 a.m.
Kids' Church(K to 5th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	10:45 a.m.
American Samoa		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Building 610	12:30 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Building 610	9 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Hunter Army Airfield		
Protestant		
Protestant Sunday School	Religious Ed. Center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Chapel	11 a.m.
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield MWR holiday schedule

		22-Dec	23-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec	28-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec	31-Dec	1-Jan	2-Jan	3-Jan
CDC	Open	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	6 a.m.
	Close	6 p.m.	5 p.m.				6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	5 p.m.				6 p.m.
Registration	Open	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	8 a.m.
	Close	5 p.m.	4 p.m.				5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	4 p.m.				5 p.m.
SAYS	Open	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	6 a.m.
	Close	6 p.m.	5 p.m.				6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	5 p.m.				6 p.m.
Hunter Lanes	Open	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	2 p.m.	Closed	Closed	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	2 p.m.	Closed	11 a.m.	
	Close	9 p.m.	10 p.m.	6 p.m.			9 p.m.	9 p.m.	9 p.m.	10 p.m.	6 p.m.		9 p.m.	
Hunter Golf	Open	8 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Closed	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.
	Close	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.		4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	3 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Hunter Club	Open	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	Closed	Closed
	Close	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	2 p.m.				4 p.m.	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	4 p.m.		
Hunter Bingo	Open	3 a.m.	2 a.m.	Closed	Closed	11 p.m.	midnight	midnight	3 a.m.	2 a.m.	Closed	Closed	11 p.m.	midnight
	Close	5 p.m.	5 p.m.			5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.			5 p.m.	5 p.m.
Hunter Lodge	Open	7 a.m.	7 a.m.	7 a.m.	Closed	7 a.m.	7 a.m.	7 a.m.	7 a.m.	7 a.m.	7 a.m.	7 a.m.	7 a.m.	7 a.m.
	Close	10:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.		10:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
ACS	Open	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	7:30 a.m.
	Close	5 p.m.	4 p.m.				5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	4 p.m.				5 p.m.
Hunter Gym	Open	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.
	Close	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	8 p.m.	7 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	8 p.m.	7 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.
Pass & Permit	Open	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 a.m.
	Close	6 p.m.	3 p.m.				6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	3 p.m.				6 p.m.
Leisure Travel	Open	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 a.m.
	Close	6 p.m.	3 p.m.				6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	3 p.m.				6 p.m.
Outdoor Rec Equipment	Open	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	7 a.m.	Closed	7 a.m.	Closed	Closed	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	7 a.m.	Closed	7 a.m.	Closed
	Close	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	1 p.m.		3 p.m.			5 p.m.	5 p.m.	1 p.m.		3 p.m.	
Lotts Island	Open	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Closed	9:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Closed	9:30 a.m.	Closed
	Close	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	1 p.m.		5 p.m.			5 p.m.	5 p.m.	1 p.m.		5 p.m.	
Hunter Skeet	Open	1 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	1 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Close	9 p.m.							9 p.m.					
Library	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 a.m.
	Close						4 p.m.	4 p.m.						4 p.m.
Auto Craft	Open	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Close	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.					5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.			

Fort Stewart MWR holiday schedule

		22-Dec	23-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec	28-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec	31-Dec	1-Jan	2-Jan	3-Jan
CDC	Open	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	6 a.m.
	Close	6 p.m.	5 p.m.				6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	5 p.m.				6 p.m.
Pre-K	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	6 a.m.
	Close													6 p.m.
Registration	Open	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	8 a.m.
	Close	5 p.m.	4 p.m.				5 p.m.	5 p.m.	4 p.m.	4 p.m.				5 p.m.
SAS	Open	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	6 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	6 a.m.
	Close	6 p.m.	5 p.m.				6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	5 p.m.				6 p.m.
Youth Center	Open	noon	noon	Closed	Closed	Closed	noon	noon	noon	noon	Closed	Closed	Closed	noon
	Close	8 p.m.	6 p.m.				8 p.m.	8 p.m.	8 p.m.	6 p.m.				8 p.m.
Corkan Gym	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Close													
Stewart Lanes	Open	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	11 a.m.	Closed	Closed	5 p.m.
	Close	11 p.m.	11 p.m.				11 p.m.	11 p.m.	11 p.m.	11 p.m.	midnight			11 p.m.
Marne Lanes	Open	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	3 p.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	Closed	3 p.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.
	Close	11 p.m.	midnight	midnight	10 p.m.	11 p.m.	11 p.m.	11 p.m.	11 p.m.	11 p.m.		10 p.m.	11 p.m.	11 p.m.
Taylor's Creek	Open	8 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Closed	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.
Golf Course	Open	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	8 a.m.	Closed	Closed	8 a.m.
	Close	4 p.m.	2 p.m.				4 p.m.	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	4 p.m.	4 p.m.			4 p.m.
Club Stewart	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 p.m.	11 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	7 p.m.	Closed	11 p.m.
	Close						5 p.m.	5 p.m.				12:30 p.m.		5 p.m.
Stewart Lodge	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
	Close	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours
ACS	Open	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	7:30 a.m.
	Close	5 p.m.	4 p.m.				5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.				5 p.m.
Jordan Gym	Open	5 a.m.	5 a.m.	9 a.m.	Closed	5 a.m.	5 a.m.	5 a.m.	5 a.m.	5 a.m.	9 a.m.	noon	5 a.m.	5 a.m.
	Close	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	9 p.m.		10 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	9 p.m.	9 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.
Caro Gym	Open	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	noon	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	noon	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.
	Close	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	9 p.m.	9 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	9 p.m.	9 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.
Newman Gym	Open	5 a.m.	5 a.m.	9 a.m.	Closed	5 a.m.	5 a.m.	5 a.m.	5 a.m.	5 a.m.	9 a.m.	noon	5 a.m.	5 a.m.
	Close	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	9 p.m.		10 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.	9 p.m.	9 p.m.	10 p.m.	10 p.m.
Newman Pool	Open	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	noon	Closed	noon	Closed	Closed	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	noon	noon	11 a.m.	Closed
	Close	7 p.m.	7 p.m.	8 p.m.		8 p.m.			7 p.m.	7 p.m.	8 p.m.	8 p.m.	7 p.m.	
Pass & Permit	Open	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	7 a.m.	11 a.m.	7 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	7 a.m.	11 a.m.	7 a.m.	11 a.m.
	Close	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	6 p.m.
Ranges	Open	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	7 a.m.	11 a.m.	7 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	11 a.m.	7 a.m.	11 a.m.	7 a.m.	11 a.m.
	Close	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	3 p.m.	6 p.m.
Leisure Travel	Open	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	10:30 a.m.
	Close	6 p.m.	6 p.m.				6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.				6 p.m.
Framing	Open	10:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	10:30 a.m.
	Close	6 p.m.												6 p.m.
Outdoor Rentals	Open	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	10:30 a.m.
	Close	6 p.m.	6 p.m.				6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.				6 p.m.
Cypress Creek	Open	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.	1 p.m.
Adv. Golf	Open	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.
	Close													
Skeet & Trap	Open	5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Close	8 p.m.												
Holbrook Campground	Open	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	See camp	host	7 a.m.	See camp	host	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	7 a.m.	See host	7 a.m.	See camp host
	Close	5 p.m.	5 p.m.			3 p.m.			5 p.m.	5 p.m.	3 p.m.		3 p.m.	
Library	Open	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 a.m.	9 a.m.
	Close	4 p.m.	4 p.m.				4 p.m.	4 p.m.	4 p.m.			9 p.m.	9 p.m.	9 p.m.
Auto Craft	Open	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	9 a.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Close	5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.					5 p.m.	5 p.m.	5 p.m.			

YMCA plays Santa to Hunter families

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About 80 children of Soldiers at Hunter Army Airfield sat patiently through the short ceremony at the Habersham YMCA gymnasium on Dec. 15 before digging in to pizza and drinks. They were waiting for the final and best part of the evening— gifts from Santa, donated to them from the YMCA of Coastal Georgia’s Fourth Annual Christmas Tree Angel program.

Members of the Rotary Club of Savannah South bought many of the gifts for 102 children of Hunter families, as well as 106 children of Soldiers at Fort Stewart who got their gifts at a Dec. 13 pizza party, hosted by the Liberty County YMCA staff. Altogether, the

Rotary Club contributed \$2,000 cash toward the gifts, as well as “in-kind” donations used to buy additional gifts, and pizza and drinks for the parties.

Individual sponsors also purchased and donated gifts by selecting names from Angel Trees placed at Habersham, Wilmington Island and Hinesville YMCA locations.

“We wanted to bring cheer to families of Soldiers deployed to Iraq again this year,” said Jim Mercer, vice president and district director for the YMCA, who also spearheaded gift donations to Army families last year. Historically, Angel Tree gifts have gone to needy families from a variety of organizations in Coastal Georgia.

That’s exactly what the Rotary Club of Savannah South and the YMCA of Coastal

Georgia have done, according to Lt. Col. Carl Coffman, Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander.

“These are trying times for families,” Coffman said. “This demonstration of generosity shows military families just how much our community cares.”

“The gifts have really helped me out this year,” Shirley Chavez, an FRG leader whose husband and son are deployed to Iraq, said. Besides her own three children, Chavez’s daughter-in-law and granddaughter live with her, along with her mother, who has medical problems and no insurance.

“My teens especially loved the gift cards,” she added. “Now they can buy exactly what they want. I can’t tell you how this party and this generosity touches our hearts.”



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Ladonna Martinez, poses with her granddaughters, six-year-old Myra Rivera (bottom left), five-year-old Erin (bottom right) and two-year-old Darcy Cupid (back).